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TWENTY FOUR HOURS AGO:

IT ALL BEGAN WITH THE THUNDER OF HYPERDRIVE ENGINES FIRING AT MAXIMUM THRUST AS THE SPACESHIP ACCELERATED PAST ESCAPE VELOCITY TO BREAK AWAY FROM THE EARTH'S GRAVITATIONAL PULL.

ROARR!

UH, GUYS? I HATE TO BREAK THIS TO YA, BUT I DON'T THINK WE'RE ON GALAPOMOA ISLAND ANYMORE!

GEE, GRUNGE, YOU FIGURE THAT OUT ALL BY YOURSELF?

GET WITH THE PROGRAM, SULU! WE'VE JUST BEEN ABDUCTED BY ALIENS! AND NOW WE'RE BLASTING OFF TO GOD KNOWS WHERE!

WE ARE LIKE SO TOTALLY SCREWED!

FWOOMM

KAT, HOW DO WE GET OUT OF HERE?! HOW DO WE GET BACK HOME?!

I--I DON'T KNOW, ROXY. I REALLY DON'T KNOW!

AND THEN SUDDENLY -- FOR ONLY AN INSTANT -- THE VERY FABRIC OF SPACE IS TORN ASUNDER AS THE SPACESHIP BREAKS THROUGH THE BARRIERS OF TIME AND SPACE...

...BUT IT JUST AS QUICKLY REVERTS BACK TO THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE. WELL, NOT EXACTLY THE SAME...

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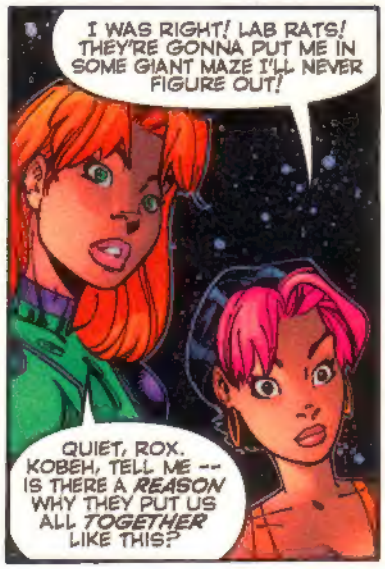
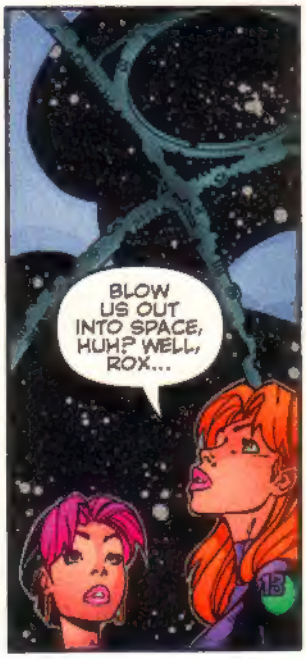
TO BOLDLY GO...
BRANDON CHOI captain
J. SCOTT CAMPBELL & AL RIO first officers
AL RIO & SANDRA HOPE engineers
JOE CHIODO & MARTIN JIMENEZ science officers
BILL "Bones" O'NEIL doctor
Gen13 Created by Jim Lee, Brandon Choi & J. Scott Campbell -- "the redshirts"
...WHERE NO GEN HAS GONE BEFORE!
NOW...
JUST LOOK AT THOSE STARS, ROXY!
THEY'RE SO... BREATHTAKING! GROWING UP, I ALWAYS THOUGHT OF THEM AS FAIRIES IN THE SKY.
GREAT. MAYBE IF YOU'RE REALLY LUCKY, JIMINY CRICKET HERE WILL DO A LITTLE SONG AND DANCE FOR YOU.
HELLOOO! SPACE COMMAND TO KAT! COULD WE PLEEEASE TRY TO CONCENTRATE ON OUR LITTLE PROBLEM? WE'VE JUST BEEN KIDNAPPED FROM EARTH!
THIS IS ALL Mr. L'S FAULT! DIDN'T I SAY HOOKING UP WITH JIM McARTHUR WAS A BAD IDEA?* THAT DUDE IS LIKE TOTALLY JINXED!**
ROXY, PLEASE! HOW WAS JIM SUPPOSED TO KNOW EXTRATERRESTRIALS WERE HIDING INSIDE A DORMANT VOLCANO ON THE ISLAND?
I WISH WE KNEW WHAT HAPPENED TO GRUNGE. I'M GETTING WORRIED. THOSE E.T.S TOOK HIM AWAY HOURS AGO. WHAT'RE THEY DOING TO HIM?
WHAT IF THEY'VE MADE HIM INTO SOME SORT OF GUINEA PIG?
*AS SEEN LAST ISSUE —
** — AND IN #'S 4 & 5!

EXAMINING HIM, THEY ARE. YESSS, EXAMINING.
YOU CAN SPEAK ENGLISH?!
SPEAK IT I CAN. EASY TO LEARN. HRRRM, YES IT WAS.
AMAZING! HE MUST'VE PICKED IT UP *LISTENING* TO US.

I DUNNO. SOUNDS TO ME LIKE HE'S SOME SORTA EXTRA FROM *EMPIRE*. UH, GREETINGS, LITTLE GUY. MY NAME IS ROXY. AND THIS IS MY FRIEND, KAT. SO LIKE...
...*WHO* THE HECK ARE YOU? AND *WHY* ARE WE ALL HERE?
KOBEH, I AM.
KAT IS RIGHT. *SPECIMENS* WE ARE, YESSSS.


I WAS RIGHT! LAB RATS! THEY'RE GONNA PUT ME IN SOME GIANT MAZE I'LL NEVER FIGURE OUT!
QUIET, ROX. KOBEH, TELL ME -- IS THERE A *REASON* WHY THEY PUT US ALL *TOGETHER* LIKE THIS?

YES. DANGEROUS TO THE *NOAAMITES*, WE ARE. IN CASE OF TROUBLE, *RELEASE* US ALL INTO *SPACE*, THEY WILL.
RONK! RONK!
HE SAYS EXAMINING ONE OF OUR FRIENDS, TOO, THEY ARE. NOT GOOD. NO...NOT GOOD AT ALL.


BLOW US OUT INTO SPACE, HUH? WELL, ROX...

"...FOR NOW WE'LL JUST HAVE TO HOPE THAT GRUNGE IS DOING BETTER THAN WE ARE."
AAGHHH!
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SORRY, UGLY DUDES. I NEVER COULD DEAL WITH NEEDLES.
HEY, HEY! PUT THAT THING DOWN! CAN'T WE, LIKE, TALK ABOUT THIS?
LOOK, I SWEAR I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT ALIEN AUTOPSY SQUAD! JUST TAKE ME BACK HOME AND I'LL FORGET THIS EVER HAPPENED.
GROARK!
?!
!!
WHOA!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING TO BIG RED?!
ROARK!
OH, MAN, THAT DOESN'T SOUND GOOD. HEY, MARTIAN BOYS -- DO ME A FAVOR AND DON'T DO TO ME WHAT YOU'RE...
...DOING TO...HIM?!
HA HA!
hee hee
HEY, CU-CUT IT OUT! TH-THAT TICKLES!

VVVRRRRRMMMMMM
WHOA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING DOWN THERE?!
YO! YO! YO! YOU BOYS GOT A SPACESHIP! GO LOOK AT URANUS --NOT MINE!
I -- ?!
SHLURP! SHLURP! SHLURP! SHLURP! SHLURP! SHLURP! SHLURP!
BING!
OH, BABY.
CHILL OUT, BIG GUY.
DON'T GET ALL BENT OUT OF SHAPE JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS WITH YOUR PLUMBING!

MAYBE IT'S A PROSTATE THING. YOU KNOW, I HAD A FRIEND WHO --
OUCH!
HEY, WHAT'S THE DEAL? CUT IT OUT! NOW I'M STARTING TO ITCH ALL OVER!
GROKK!
ZZZZMMMM
ZZZZMMMM
WAIT A SECOND...I GET IT NOW.
IT'S THESE *TABLES.* YOU'RE SCOPIN' OUT OUR BODS WITH SOME KINDA *SCANNER.*

OH, GROSS! THAT'S JUST TOTALLY GNARLY!
I LOOK LIKE THE POSTER BOY FOR CLEARASIL!

UH, GUYS? YOU CAN TURN THIS THING OFF NOW.
I -- I'M NOT -- FEELING SO -- GOOD.
FZZAK
YE-OWW!

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE HOLDING PEN...
COME ON, TRY IT AGAIN. ROX-EEEE.
RRCKSSYY?!
AHH, CLOSE ENOUGH. SO WHAT'S YOUR STORY, BRUTE-SOME?
CAPTIVES LIKE YOU, WE ARE. TAKEN FROM OUR HOMEWORLDS.
AWAY FROM ONES WHO LOVED US, YES.
BUT WHAT DO THEY WANT FROM US?
MERCHANDISE, WE ARE. HRRMM. TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER WE ALL WILL BE SOLD.
BUT A PLAN TO ESCAPE, KOBEH HAS, YESSS. NEED YOUR HELP, WE WILL -- SINCE TO THE EXAMINATION OUR STRONG ONE WAS TAKEN.
BIG ONE WAS NEEDED TO DISPOSE OF THOSE GUARDS...
VREEP! VREEP! VREEP!
?
!
WHAT'S THAT NOISE, KOBEH?
ALARMS HAVE BEEN SOUNDED!
GUARDS SAY A MONSTER IS LOOSE ABOARD THE SHIP!

SOMEONE STRONG, HUH? WELL, I KNOW JUST THE *GIRL* TO FILL *THAT* JOB.
BUT FIRST WE'LL NEED TO BAG THESE HANDCUFFS.

SOLVE THAT PROBLEM WITH *MANTARIAN* SPINE, I CAN.
PLUK
GO!!
STOP IT! A WARRIOR, YOU CALL YOURSELF?

THE TIME FOR *ACTION* HAS COME AT LAST.
KLI-KLIK

A USEFUL DISTRACTION FOR US, THE ALARMS THEY ARE.
SO WHAT EXACTLY DO I HAVE TO *DO*?

INTO SPACE, YOU WILL HAVE TO GO.
EXCUSE ME?!
THAT SPOT IN THE ROOF, YOU MUST BREAK *THROUGH*. THEN YOU MUST *RE-ENTER* THROUGH THE AIR-LOCK, ONCE YOU HAVE LEFT THIS PEN.
WITHOUT A SPACE SUIT?!
HELP YOU WITH THAT THE *MEBAN* CAN. NECESSARY PROTECTION AND OXYGEN HE WILL PROVIDE.

EEEWW! THIS IS SOOO GROSS! IT'S LIKE STEPPING INTO SOME GIANT *BOOGER*.
SHLOOP!
UHH...SORRY. NOTHING *PERSONAL*, MR. MEBAN.

AND MERE MOMENTS LATER...

OKAY, HERE WE GO!

WHAM

WHOOOSH!

AND A FEW ANXIOUS MINUTES LATER...
BRRR! WE-- WE MADE IT! T-TOOK A LITTLE LONGER... TH-THAN I THOUGHT, BUT I --
OOH! TH-THOSE ICE CRYSTALS ON YOU...THEY C-CAN'T FEEL GOOD AT ALL ARE YOU ALL R GHT?
I GUESS I OWE YOU ONE, Mr MEBAN WHAT DO YOU SAY WE GO KICK SOME ALIEN BUTT?
?!
!
!
FSSSS
FSSSS
WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, THEY DO
OH, YEAH? WELL, GUESS WHAT?
THEY'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT
MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU?
!!
OH YES!
RUN!!

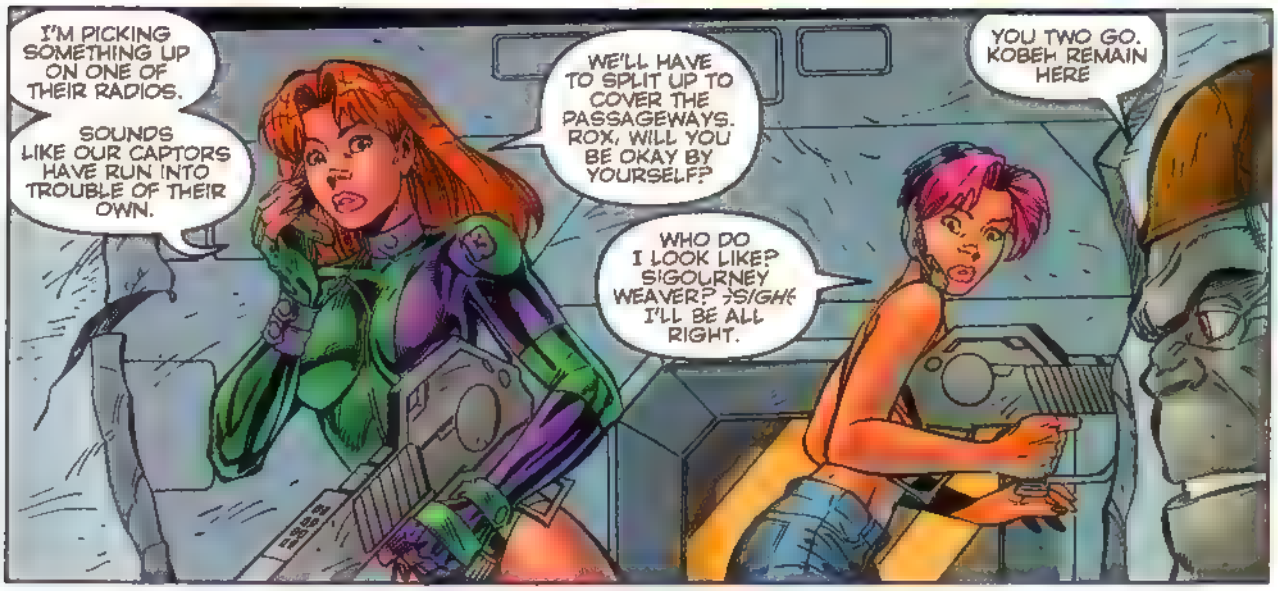
AFTER A SHORT TRIP TO THE ARMORY...
GRRROOAR!
WHEW! I KNOW WE'RE ON THE SAME TEAM AND ALL, BULKA-SAURUS --
-- BUT REALLY! WE HAVE JUST GOT TO SCORE YOU SOME TIC TACS!
OKAY, KOBEH, WHAT'S NEXT?
OTHERS HAVE JOB. THEY WILL GO TO ENGINEERING...
"...WHILE TAKE CONTROL OF THE BRIDGE SHALL WE"
!
?
THAT'S ODD, THE PLACE IS EMPTY WHERE IS EVERYBODY?
THE MONSTER! ALL OTHERS HAVE GONE TO FIGHT!
WHAT KIND OF MONSTER?
FROM THE EXAMINATION ROOM DID THE CREATURE ESCAPE SHIP'S COMPUTER SAYS IT OCCURRED WHILE BOTH OUR FRIENDS IN THERE.
OH, NO! GRUNGE! WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIM!

ELSEWHERE
ZZZHKK!
ZZZHKK!
?!
SHRAKK
GRRRRRR
GRAAR!
...
!!
--?

BACK IN THE MEDICAL LAB...
LOOK AT ALL THIS DAMAGE. WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
NOTHING GOOD, THAT'S FOR SURE. AND THERE'S STILL NO SIGN OF GRUNGE!
VERY STRANGE. TWO NOAAMITES ATTACKED...BUT ONLY RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS.
NEED TO FIND THIS CREATURE, WE DO. JEOPARDIZE OUR PLANS, IT MUST NOT

WELL, AT LEAST IT WON'T BE HARD TO TRACK.
IT DID THAT?! OH, %$#@!
ROXY! IX-NAY ON SOME OF YOUR ENG-LAY!
HUH? OOPS! SORRY!
UH, KOBEH -- FORGET WHAT I JUST SAID.

HMMM. DATA BANKS SAY SOMETHING GO BAD WHEN NOAAMITES RUNNING TESTS ON BOTH OUR FRIENDS. RECORDS SAY --
ARROOO!
EH?


I'M PICKING SOMETHING UP ON ONE OF THEIR RADIOS.
SOUNDS LIKE OUR CAPTORS HAVE RUN INTO TROUBLE OF THEIR OWN.
WE'LL HAVE TO SPLIT UP TO COVER THE PASSAGEWAYS. ROX, WILL YOU BE OKAY BY YOURSELF?
WHO DO I LOOK LIKE? SIGOURNEY WEAVER? ÷SIGH÷ I'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
YOU TWO GO. KOBEH REMAIN HERE

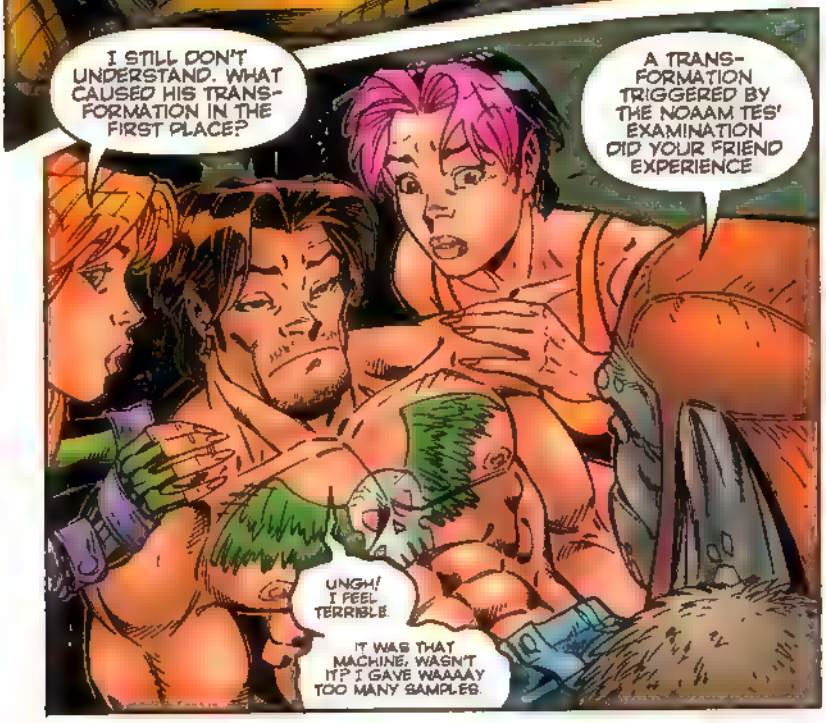
"WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR FRENDS, I'LL TRY TO LEARN."
NICE GOING, GIRL. REAL GENIUS THINKING!
GRUNGE, WHEN I SAVE YOUR SORRY @$$, YOU ARE GOING TO OWE ME BIG TIME!
HUH? WHAT'S THE--?
THUMP
KAT, I FOUND ONE OF GRUNGE'S BOOTS. HE DID COME THIS WAY!
JUST BE CAREFUL, ROXY IT COULD MEAN THE CREATURE IS NEARBY
BUT THEN GRUNGE MUST BE IN MAJOR TROUBLE! I GOTTA --
OOPHH!
HUNNGH!
ROXY?! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YEAH I JUST FELL OVER TWO MORE GUARDS WHO HAD A CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE DISASTEROUS KIND!

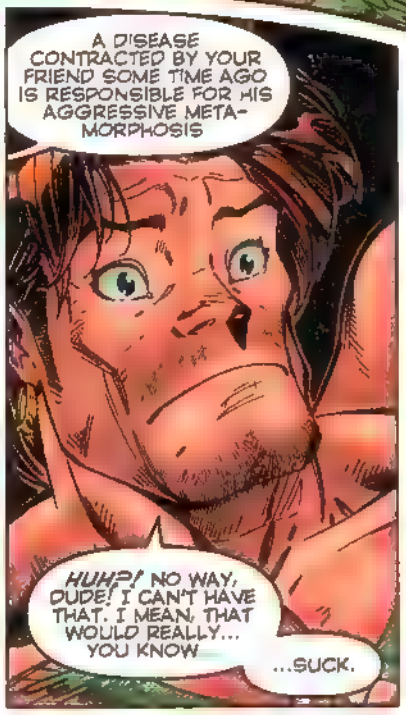
JUST STAY WHERE YOU ARE I'M GOING TO TRY AND CIRCLE AROUND TO --
HOLD IT!
RRONKKK
SOMETHING'S COMING THIS WAY
GRONKK!
UGH!
KAT? KAT! TALK TO ME!
I'M OKAY, ROX I'VE GOT THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL
OKAY BUDDY, LISTEN UP! I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT I'M GOING TO GET SOME ANSWERS --
-- JUST AS SOON AS I GET KOBEH DOWN HERE!
KOBEH ?
KOBEH! KOBEH!
WAIT A SECOND, YOU SAID KOBEH.
OMIGOSH! YOU'RE HIS FRIEND! THE STRONG GUY THEY SENT TO THE EXAMINATION ROOM!

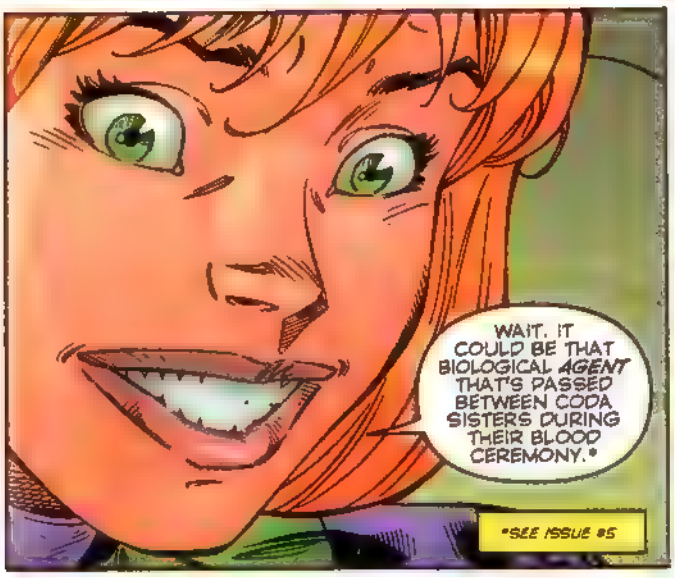
"BUT IF YOU'RE HERE --
"-- THAT MEANS ROXY'S FOLLOWING THE CREATURE!"
KAT? IS THAT YOU?
HA-RARRGH!
OH, %$#@! I DON'T SUPPOSE IF I CLOSE MY EYES WE CAN SKIP OVER ALL THE SCARY PARTS, HUH? DIDN'T THINK SO
UHH, KAT. . BAD NEWS, GIRL Mr CREATURE FEATURE HAS CUT ME OFF!
IT'S OKAY! STAY CALM! JUST LOOK AT THE CREATURE, ROX.
DON'T YOU SEE?! IT'S GRUNGE!
KUH? GRUNGE?!
IT REALLY IS YOU, ISN'T T?
OH, BABY. WHAT DID THOSE NOAAMITES DO TO YOU? WHAT --
GRRR!
HEY, SETTLE DOWN, FRANKEN-WOLF! NOT WHILE YOU LOOK LIKE THIS--!

URRGH?!
WHUMP
OH NO YOU DON'T!
KAT? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
SAVING YOUR LIFE! THAT MAY BE GRUNGE --
-- BUT HE'S DEFINITELY NOT HIMSELF!
HSSSS!
GRUNGE! STOP IT! WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS, REMEMBER?
KAT, BE CAREFUL WITH HIM! DON'T HURT HIM! HE'S STILL OUR FRIEND!
I DON'T THINK HE FEELS THE SAME WAY ABOUT US.
ALL RIGHT, GRUNGE -- CUT THE CRAP!
CHOOM!
UHHH! UHHH!
PLAY TIME'S OVER. I KNOW YOU'RE HAVING A BAD DAY, BUT I CAN'T LET YOU TAKE IT OUT ON KAT!
DONE WELL, ROXY! DEAL WITH I SHALL!
THUK!
ARROOO!

WHAT'VE YOU DONE TO HIM?
A *VACCINE* HAVE I GIVEN HIM TO REMOVE HIS CONDITION.
SEE? BACK TO HIMSELF IS HE NOW.


I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHAT CAUSED HIS TRANSFORMATION IN THE FIRST PLACE?
A TRANSFORMATION TRIGGERED BY THE NOAAM TES' EXAMINATION DID YOUR FRIEND EXPERIENCE
UNGH! I FEEL TERRIBLE.
IT WAS THAT MACHINE, WASN'T IT? I GAVE WAAAAY TOO MANY SAMPLES.


A DISEASE CONTRACTED BY YOUR FRIEND SOME TIME AGO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS AGGRESSIVE METAMORPHOSIS
HUH?! NO WAY, DUDE! I CAN'T HAVE THAT. I MEAN, THAT WOULD REALLY... YOU KNOW...
...SUCK.


WAIT. IT COULD BE THAT BIOLOGICAL *AGENT* THAT'S PASSED BETWEEN CODA SISTERS DURING THEIR BLOOD CEREMONY.*
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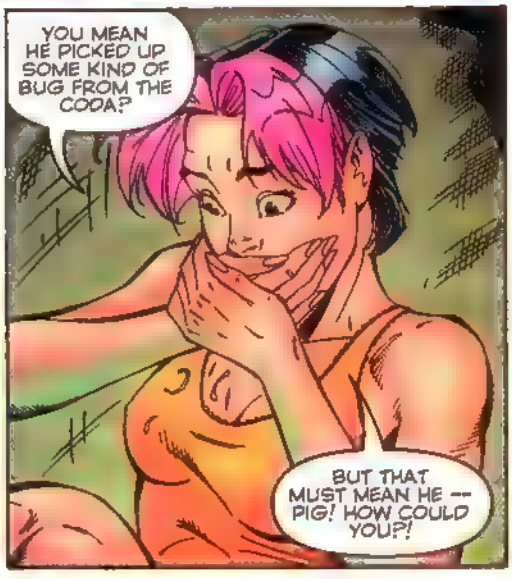
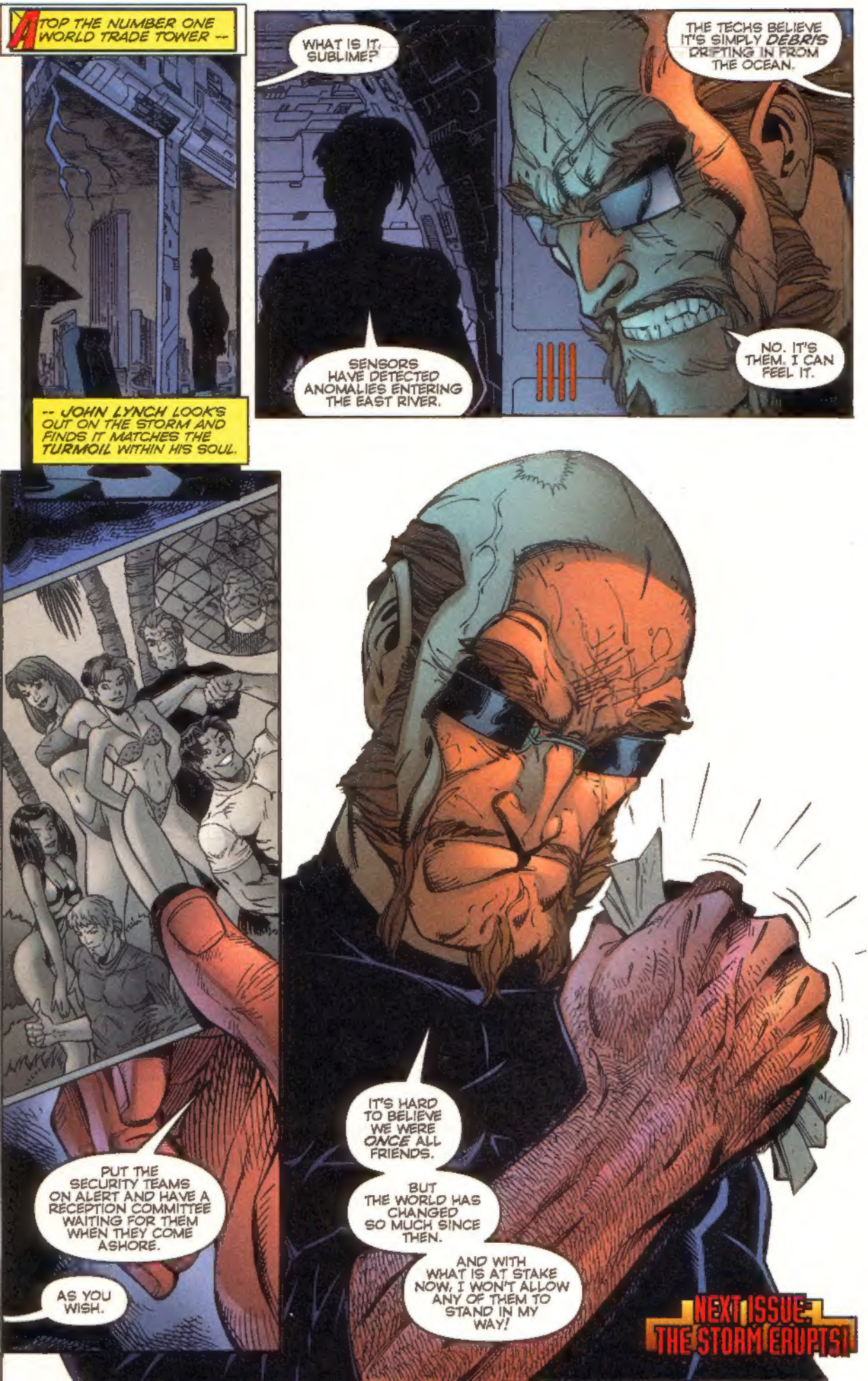

YOU MEAN HE PICKED UP SOME KIND OF BUG FROM THE CODA?
BUT THAT MUST MEAN HE -- PIG! HOW COULD YOU?!

THEY -- ER -- SHE DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING. HONEST!
GEE, THAT MAKES ME FEEL SO MUCH BETTER.
"FOR TALK, WE HAVE NO TIME. HURRY WE MUST! ON THE BRIDGE, IMPORTANT BUSINESS HAVE WE."
GRUNGE'S MISADVENTURE TO THE SHIP DID CAUSE EXTENSIVE DAMAGE.
BRACE YOURSELVES! OUT OF HYPERSPACE WE SHALL BE EMERGING.
KOARR
YEOW!
THIS IS JUST LIKE AN EPISODE OF STAR TREK! COOL, HUH?
SHUT UP, GRUNGE!
WHAT HAPPENED? WE'VE STOPPED.
THE TRUTH, YOU SPEAK. BUT GOOD, IT IS NOT. LOOK OUTSIDE THE SHIP, HE SAYS.

WHOA! WOULDJA TAKE A LOOK AT THAT THING, ROX!
LOOKS LIKE BAD NEWS TO ME! WHAT IS IT?
BREEP BREEP BREEP
OH, MAN! MY HEAD'S STILL RINGING FROM ALL THE BOUNCING OFF THE WALLS.
NO, NO! THE COLLISION ALARM, THAT IS! OUT OF CONTROL ARE WE! BRACE FOR IMPACT!
THIS IS INCREDIBLE! I NEVER IMAGINED ANYTHING COULD BE THIS AMAZING.
HATE TO BURST YOUR BUBBLE, KAT, BUT WE'RE ABOUT TO PULL A TITANIC HERE!

EARTH:
UNDER STORMY SKIES, THE BLOCKADE RUNNER MAKES ITS WAY THROUGH THE CHOPPY WATERS OF THE ATLANTIC.
BRAVING ALL THE ELEMENTS, THE VESSEL SLOWLY CLOSES IN ON PORT, CARRYING TWO SPECIAL PASSENGERS THIS COLD AND STORMY NIGHT...
YOU'RE SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT? WE'LL BE ARRIVING SOON.
I...I KNOW. I WAS JUST THINKING.
I GUESS I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D ACTUALLY COME BACK AGAIN.
ME NEITHER. BUT THEN AGAIN, WE REALLY DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW SO MUCH HAS CHANGED.
YEAH. BUT WHO WOULD'VE GUESSED THINGS WOULD TURN OUT THE WAY THAT THEY DID.
YOU KNOW, I STILL HAVE DREAMS ABOUT THEM. DO YOU THINK THEY'RE STILL ALIVE?
I DON'T KNOW.
BUT I'D FEEL A LOT BETTER IF THEY WERE HERE WITH US TONIGHT.


ATOP THE NUMBER ONE WORLD TRADE TOWER --
-- JOHN LYNCH LOOKS OUT ON THE STORM AND FINDS IT MATCHES THE TURMOIL WITHIN HIS SOUL.
WHAT IS IT, SUBLIME?
SENSORS HAVE DETECTED ANOMALIES ENTERING THE EAST RIVER.
THE TECHS BELIEVE IT'S SIMPLY DEBRIS DRIFTING IN FROM THE OCEAN.
NO. IT'S THEM. I CAN FEEL IT.
PUT THE SECURITY TEAMS ON ALERT AND HAVE A RECEPTION COMMITTEE WAITING FOR THEM WHEN THEY COME ASHORE.
AS YOU WISH.
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE WE WERE ONCE ALL FRIENDS.
BUT THE WORLD HAS CHANGED SO MUCH SINCE THEN.
AND WITH WHAT IS AT STAKE NOW, I WON'T ALLOW ANY OF THEM TO STAND IN MY WAY!
NEXT ISSUE: THE STORM ERUPTS!